ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A face photo storage system is disclosed. A digital camera takes one or more photos of a person in response to the detection of an event, such as a cash register having rung up a sale to the person, the person entering the premises, and so on. The best photo of the person that includes the best picture of the person's face is determined. A database stores this photo, along with at least a current date in which the photo was taken. The database may also store the current time at which the photo was taken, a transaction record of the person's purchase, and so on. The invention may be used in conjunction with or in lieu of a video surveillance system.